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I AM THE BRUTE THAT WALKS!
PART 1
POLICE

IT WAS MIDNIGHT WHEN THE DARK STILLNESS OF THE CITY WAS SUDDENLY SHATTERED BY A PIERCING SCREAM!!
AIEEEEEEEE
IT CAME FROM THAT STREET! SOMEONE'S IN TROUBLE!

A MOMENT LATER, TWO FRENZIED FIGURES APPEARED, RUNNING FRANTICALLY THRU THE STREET!
HELP!! HE'S COMING THIS WAY!! HE'S AFTER US!!

THERE--THERE HE IS!
GREAT CAESAR'S GHOST--LOOK AT THE SIZE OF HIM!

IT'S A MONSTER! A GIGANTIC MONSTER!
RUN--RUN WHILE YOU CAN!!

RUN, FOOLS! RUN FROM ME! FLEE FOR YOUR VERY LIVES! FOR NO ONE CAN WITHSTAND MY ONSLAUGHT! DO YOU HEAR?? NO ONE!!
THIS WAS THE LIVING NIGHTMARE THAT APPEARED LAST MONTH! BUT HOW DID IT ALL BEGIN? AND HOW DID IT REALLY END? THOSE ARE QUESTIONS WHICH ONLY I CAN ANSWER, FOR I WAS... THE BRUTE THAT WALKS!!
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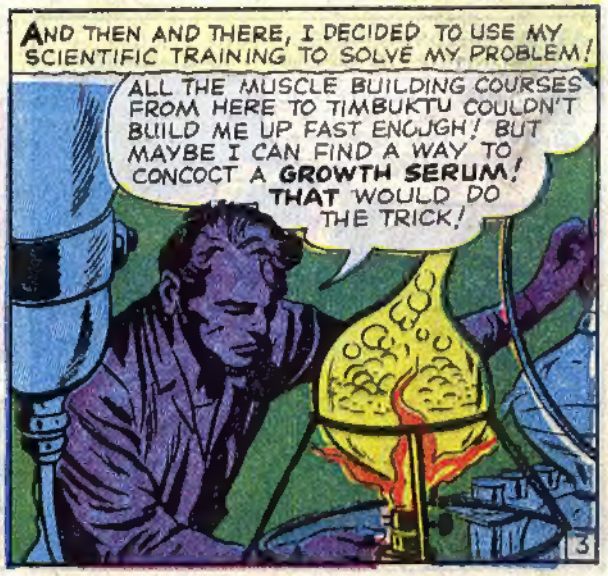
ONCE I WAS NOBODY BUT HOWARD AVERY, A SLIGHT-OF-BUILD SCIENTIST WHO WAS SO OFTEN MOCKED AND RIDICULED, ESPECIALLY WHEN I WAS WITH MY GIRL FRIEND...
HEY, THAT'S WHAT I CALL A REAL GOOD-LOOKIN' DOLL!
YEAH, BUT LOOK AT THAT SKINNY PUNK WITH HER! SHE SURE DESERVES BETTER THAN HIM!

I'D TAKE HER AWAY FROM THAT SHRIMP, BUT IT WOULD BE LIKE TAKING CANDY FROM A BABY!
YEAH, THAT SKINNY GUY WOULDN'T LAST TEN SECONDS IN A FIGHT!
DON'T PAY ANY ATTENTION TO THEM, HOWARD...!

BUT IT WASN'T JUST THE LOCAL TOUGHS WHO TAUNTED ME! I HAD TO PUT UP WITH INSULTS EVERYWHERE!
SHOVE OFF, SLIM! LET THE LOVELY LADY DANCE WITH A REAL MAN!

YOU SHOULDN'T GO OUT WITH WEAKLINGS, HONEY! NOT WHEN THERE ARE BIG BOYS LIKE ME AROUND!
I-I LIKE HOWARD... HE'S A FINE DECENT PERSON!

BUT THOUGH SALLY NEVER COMPLAINED ABOUT MY SIZE, I KNEW THAT DEEP DOWN SHE MUST HAVE WISHED I COULD BE MORE OF A HE-MAN!
SHE DOESN'T RESPECT ME...SHE'S ASHAMED OF ME... SOONER OR LATER SHE'S GOING TO BREAK OFF WITH ME UNLESS SOMEHOW I CAN BECOME BIGGER AND STRONGER!


AND THEN AND THERE, I DECIDED TO USE MY SCIENTIFIC TRAINING TO SOLVE MY PROBLEM!
ALL THE MUSCLE BUILDING COURSES FROM HERE TO TIMBUKTU COULDN'T BUILD ME UP FAST ENOUGH! BUT MAYBE I CAN FIND A WAY TO CONCOCT A GROWTH SERUM! THAT WOULD DO THE TRICK!

I SET UP A MAKESHIFT LABORATORY IN MY APARTMENT WHERE I COULD WORK ALONE... UNDISTURBED...

I'LL SPEND EVERY SPARE MOMENT I HAVE, IF NECESSARY, TO INVENT THIS GROWTH SERUM! I MUST NOT FAIL! IF I DO, I'M SURE TO LOSE SALLY!

DRIVEN ON BY MY DESPERATE LOVE, I EXPERIMENTED WITH FORMULAS... I COMPOUNDED CHEMICALS... I TESTED, STUDIED, AND RETESTED COUNTLESS LIQUIDS AND VAPORS!

I'VE GOT THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF THIS THYROID EXTRACT! NOW TO CONCENTRATE ON THE REST OF THE MIXTURE!

FINALLY, SEVERAL MONTHS AFTER I HAD BEGUN...

THIS IS **IT!** A GROWTH SERUM THAT WILL WORK! A SERUM THAT WILL TRANSFORM ME FROM THE THIN WEAKLING I AM, INTO A **TALL, POWERFUL** BRUISER!

I RAISED THE VIAL TO MY LIPS, AND, AS MY HEART POUNDED WITH HAPPINESS-- WITH EXCITEMENT-- I DOWNED THE SERUM!!

IT TOOK BUT SECONDS FOR THE MIRACULOUS FLUID TO BEGIN WORKING...

I CAN FEEL MY MUSCLES EXPANDING! I'M STARTING TO GROW!

BUT I SOON NOTICED **OTHER** CHANGES... CHANGES I HADN'T COUNTED ON...

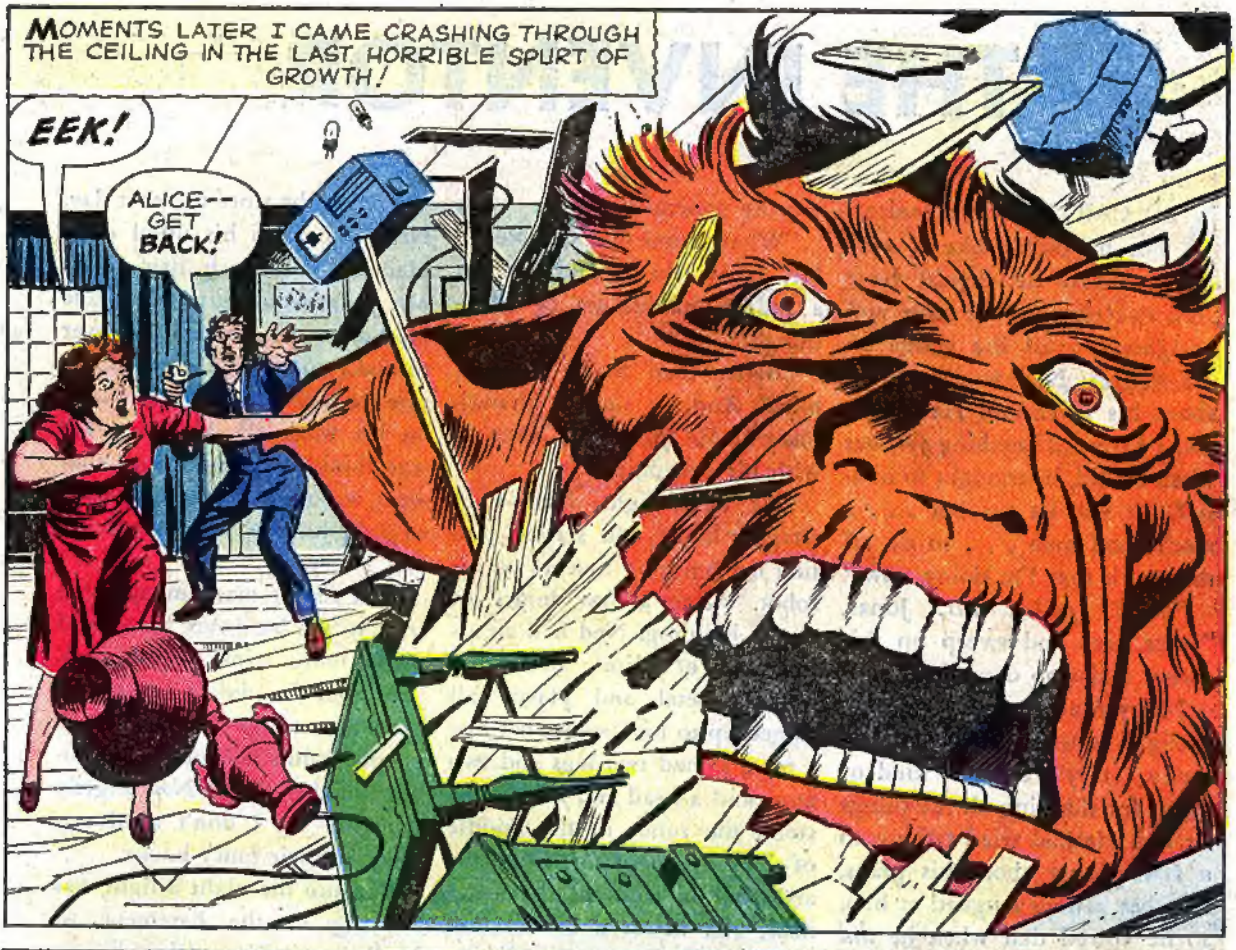
MY SKIN-- IT'S GROWING **HARD**... LIKE AN ANIMAL'S! AND MY FACE IS CHANGING --BECOMING **DISTORTED!**

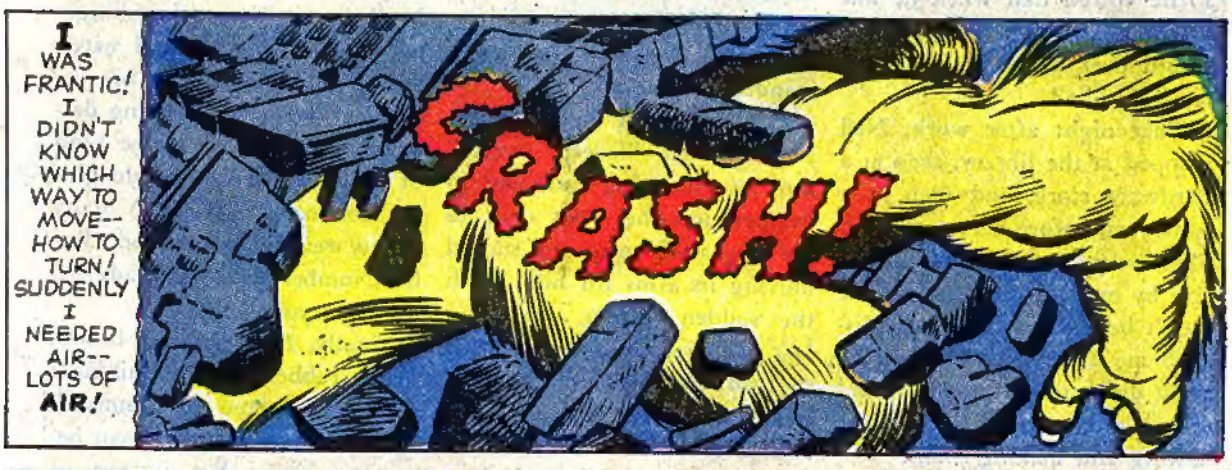
MORE SECONDS PASSED AND STILL I CONTINUED TO **GROW**-- TO **CHANGE**--

NO-- **NO!** I WANTED TO BE TALL-- BUT NOT A **GIANT**-- NOT **UGLY**-- NOT LIKE ***THIS!!***

WITH EVERY PASSING SECOND, IT BECAME MORE AND MORE OF A **NIGHTMARE**...

WHEN-- WHEN WILL IT **STOP**??! WHERE WILL IT **END**??!!





I-I'M A MONSTER!! MY SKIN IS AS STRONG AS STEEL! MY SIZE WILL MAKE THE VERY EARTH TREMBLE! BEHOLD ME, HUMANS! BEHOLD THE MONSTER MAN!
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THE INVENTOR

NED CARTER was a janitor, but he didn't like it very much. When he should have been sweeping up the store and straightening all the goods on the shelves, Ned would dream about his invention. He hadn't really invented anything *yet*, but when he did, he thought to himself, "It will be a robot . . . a mechanical man . . . to do all this work that I'm doing now."

"Ned!" called Mr. Jonas, "come here and sweep up this corner and stop dreaming."

Ned was aware that everybody thought he was crazy. Well, not really "crazy", but just kind of queer for thinking all the things he did. He had tried talking to a few people about his plans, but they always laughed at him, so he vowed that when he *did* invent his robot, nobody else would ever know until he got it all finished.

That night after work, Ned stopped at the library, then at a hardware store, and then at a junk yard before he went home. "It's lucky," he thought, "that I live by myself, 'cause now there won't be anybody at all to disturb me at my work." And he went down to the basement and immediately started hammering, sawing and making plans.

He got a good start building his robot, and by midnight, he had all the parts assembled and ready to put together. "By tomorrow night at this time," he gloated, "I'll have somebody else to do my sweeping for me!"

The next day at work, Ned Carter surprised everyone by being cheerful and happy instead of grumpy and complaining, the way he generally was.

"What's come over you, Ned?" Mr. Jonas asked. "Did you get a sudden inheritance or something?"

"Better than that," Ned replied. And he smiled mysteriously at Mr. Jonas and went on with his sweeping.

The next night, Ned went straight home and started putting the finishing touches on his robot. After a few hours of steady building, Ned had an assortment of wires, nails and screws, metal and plastic all rigged up to look somewhat like a man. It had two legs and two arms and a head and body. Ned stood the robot in the middle of the basement floor, lifted the arms out in front of the metal man, and thrust a broom into its wired fingers.

"Now, sweep!" Ned commanded his robot.

But the robot didn't move. Ned shouted, "Sweep, sweep," into its unhearing ears, and in exasperation, he went over to the mechanical man and started moving its arms for him. With the sudden jolting, the robot lost its precarious balance on the two weak legs and crumbled to the floor in a heap of metal and plastic.

Ned Carter just stood there looking down at his invention, maddened because his figures and planning were wrong, and saddened because it would mean a longer time before he could build another. He promised himself, "Before the month is out, I'm going to have a robot that will do all that sweeping for me."

Back at the store the next day, Ned was again his usual complaining self. Each new order Mr. Jonas would give him made Ned more determined than ever to make some kind of a substitute for himself. His mind wasn't on his work all day long. He was thinking about things that went wrong, and planning ways to make his new robot work . . . and sweep.

Ned Carter made many more trips to the hardware store, and many more trips to the junk yard, but he didn't make any more trips to the library. "Those people didn't help me with Robot Number One," Ned angrily thought, "so I don't need any more of their fancy books."

Far into the night a light was burning in the basement of Ned's house. Very painstakingly he balanced weights and wires, strings and stones inside his mechanical man's body, trying desperately to produce some kind of reaction when he would give the command, "Sweep!" Many nights went by before Ned's Robot Number Two was ready for the big tryout.

Finally, Ned placed a broom in the rubber hands of his next robot and uttered the command. Slowly, the mechanical man began to move, but instead of moving his arms, he swayed forward, turned on his right foot, and marched surely, directly, against the brick wall of the basement and fell apart.

"That one's no good either," Ned finally admitted. And he busied himself picking up all the pieces, and drawing further plans for Robot Number Three.

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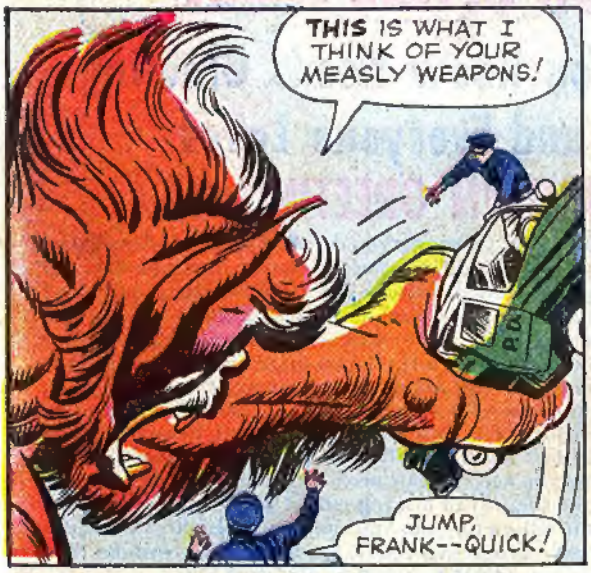
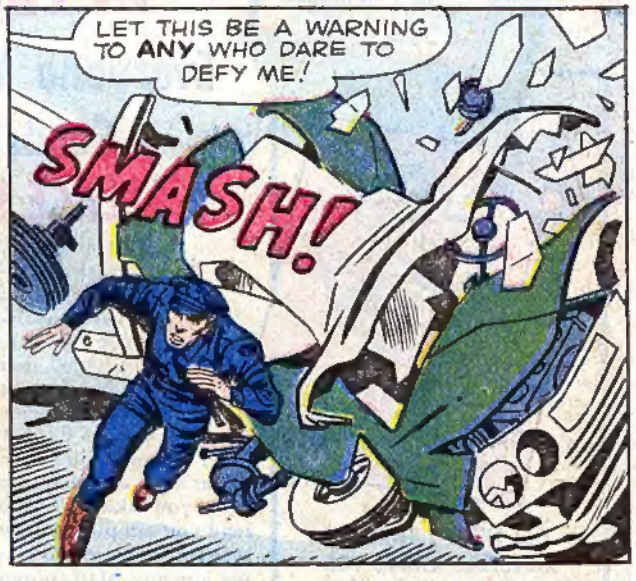
I DON'T KNOW **WHAT** IT IS, FRANK-- BUT IT'S GOT TO BE STOPPED BEFORE IT CAN HARM ANYONE!
BACK! BACK OR I'LL **FIRE!**

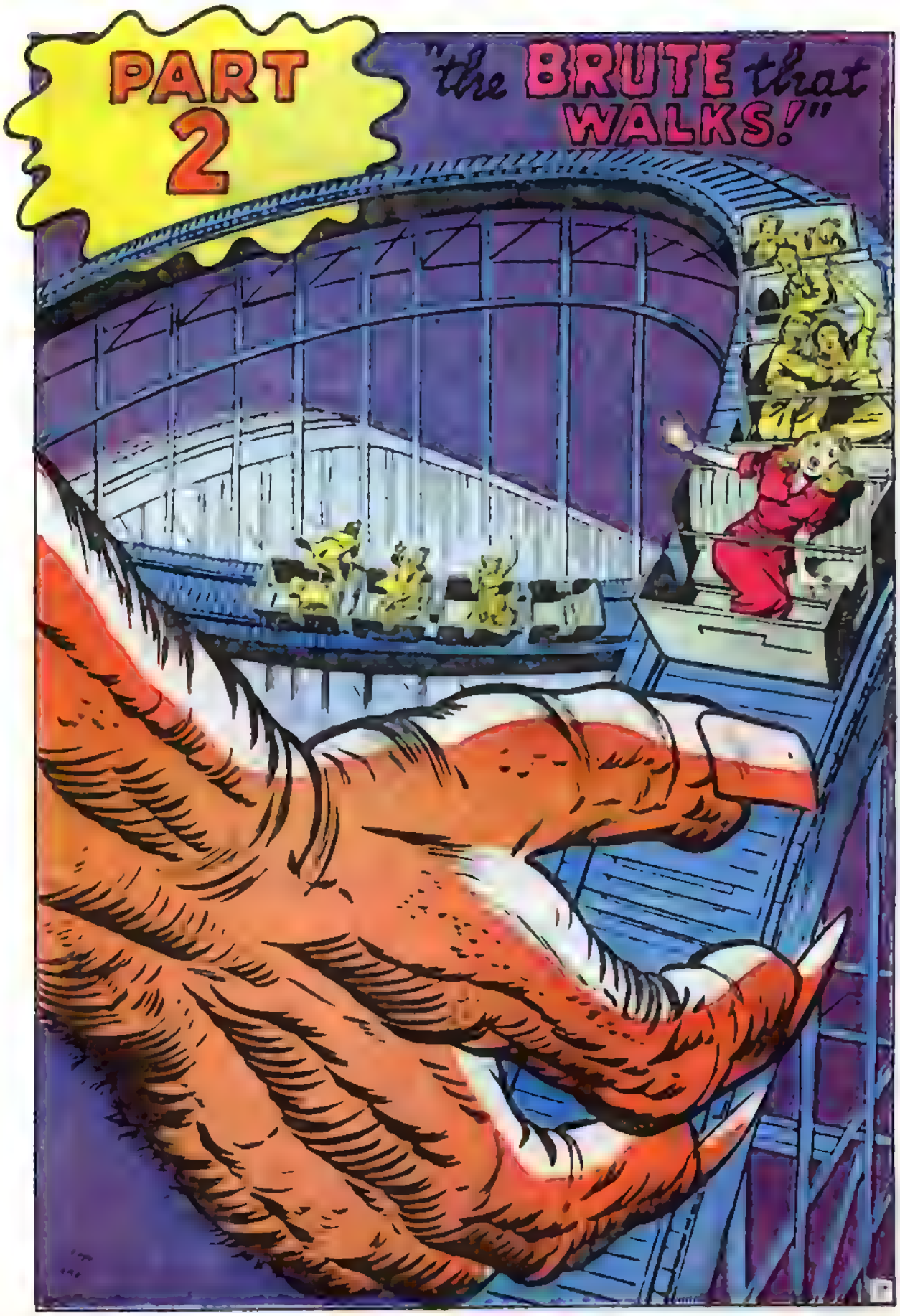
BUT THE PUNY BULLETS COULDN'T HARM ME... THEY COULDN'T EVEN PENETRATE MY SKIN! ALL THEY DID WAS **ANNOY** ME!
YOU DARE TRY TO HARM **ME?!!**


THIS IS WHAT I THINK OF YOUR MEASLY WEAPONS!
JUMP, FRANK--QUICK!


LET THIS BE A WARNING TO **ANY** WHO DARE TO DEFY ME!
SMASH!

NOW--NOW I MUST PAY A CALL ON SALLY BARTON! I I MUST SHOW HER WHAT HAS BECOME OF THE WEAKLING WHOM EVERYONE **LAUGHED** AT!

DID YOU HEAR THAT **NAME**-- SALLY BARTON!! WHOEVER SHE IS, WE'D BETTER CONTACT HER **FAST!!** IF THE MONSTER GETS TO HER BEFORE WE DO, SHE'S **DOOMED!!**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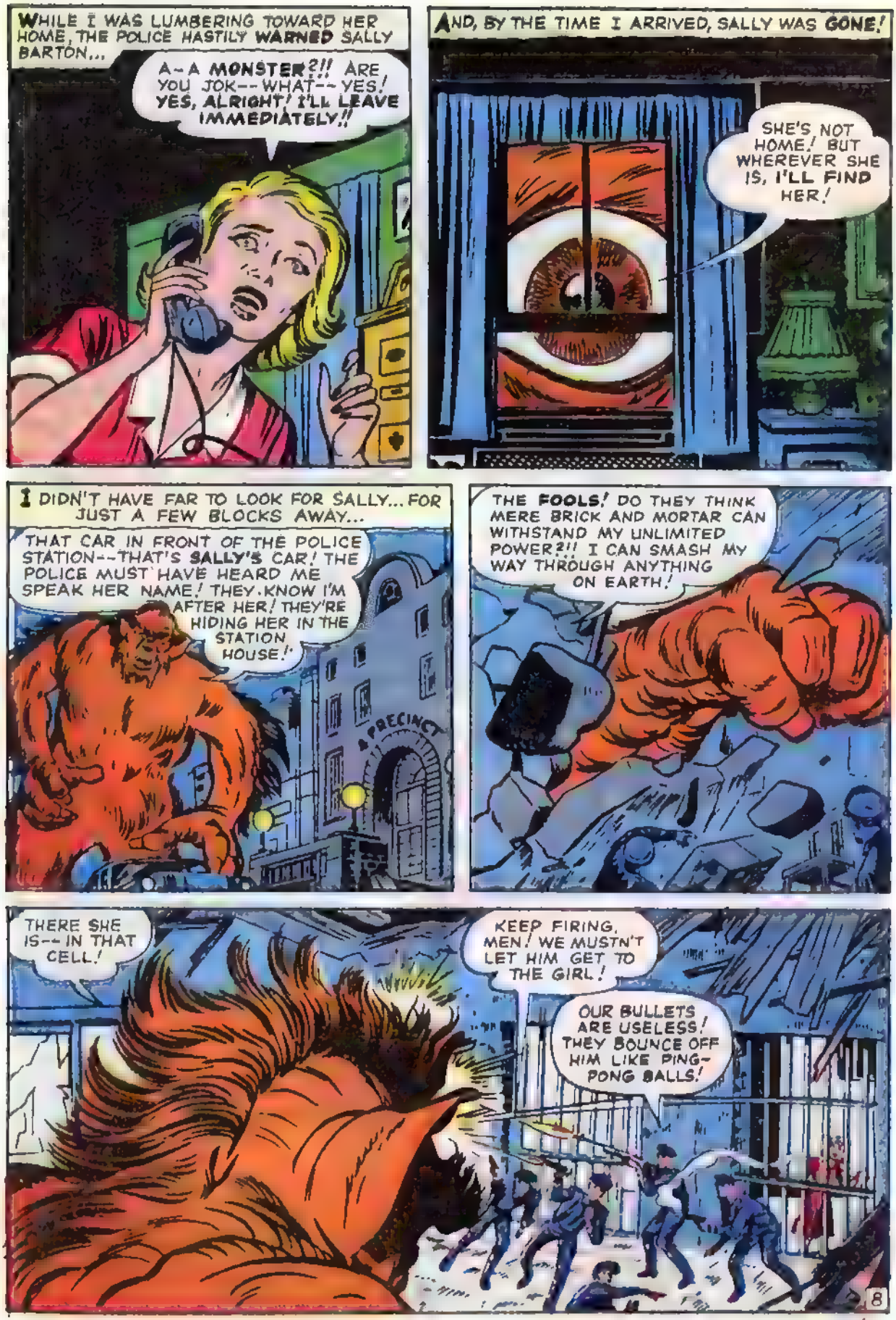
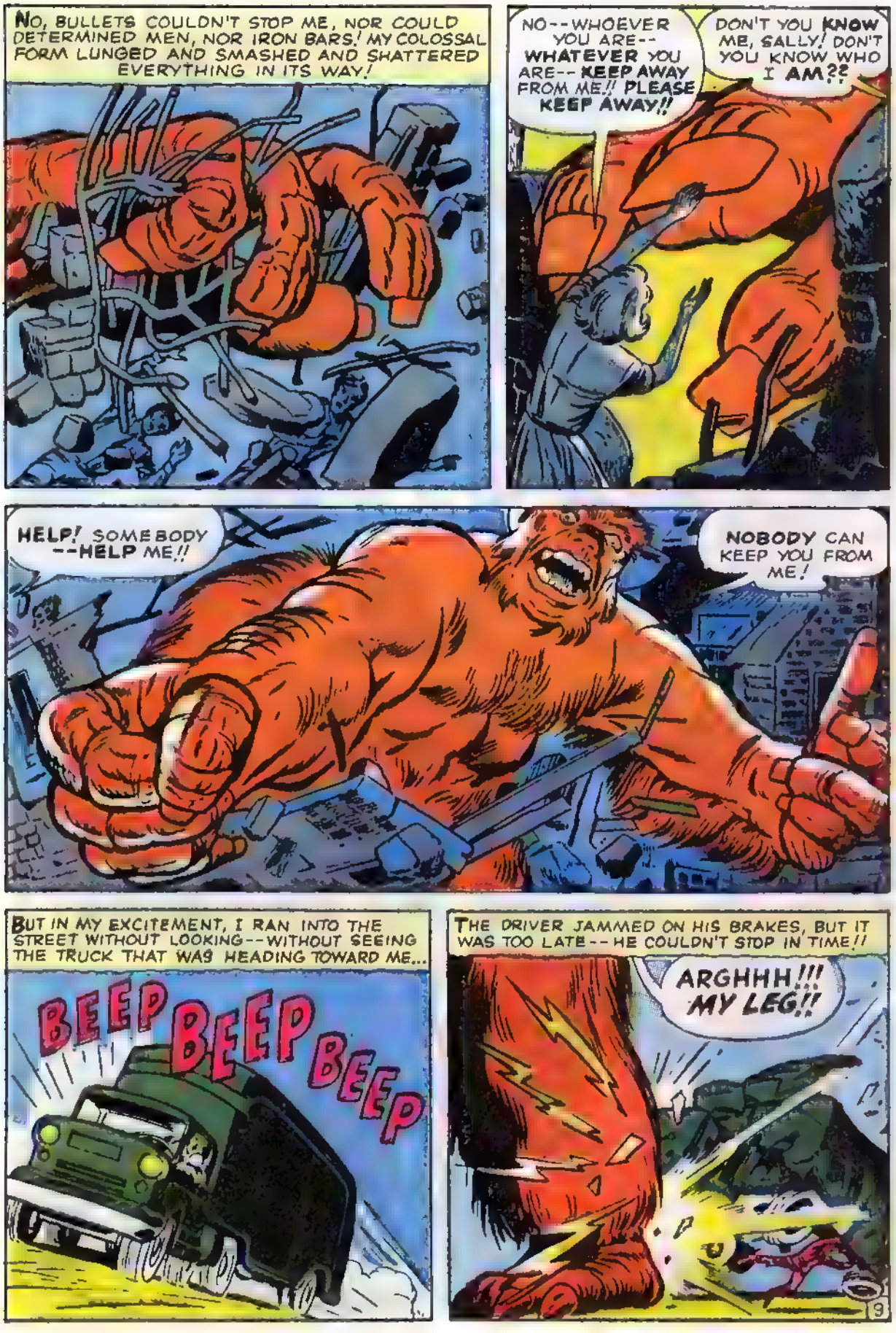

WHILE I WAS LUMBERING TOWARD HER HOME, THE POLICE HASTILY WARNED SALLY BARTON...
A-A MONSTER?!! ARE YOU JOK--WHAT--YES! YES, ALRIGHT! I'LL LEAVE IMMEDIATELY!!
AND, BY THE TIME I ARRIVED, SALLY WAS GONE!
SHE'S NOT HOME! BUT WHEREVER SHE IS, I'LL FIND HER!
I DIDN'T HAVE FAR TO LOOK FOR SALLY... FOR JUST A FEW BLOCKS AWAY...
THAT CAR IN FRONT OF THE POLICE STATION--THAT'S SALLY'S CAR! THE POLICE MUST HAVE HEARD ME SPEAK HER NAME! THEY KNOW I'M AFTER HER! THEY'RE HIDING HER IN THE STATION HOUSE!
A PRECINCT
THE FOOLS! DO THEY THINK MERE BRICK AND MORTAR CAN WITHSTAND MY UNLIMITED POWER?!! I CAN SMASH MY WAY THROUGH ANYTHING ON EARTH!
THERE SHE IS--IN THAT CELL!
KEEP FIRING, MEN! WE MUSTN'T LET HIM GET TO THE GIRL!
OUR BULLETS ARE USELESS! THEY BOUNCE OFF HIM LIKE PING-PONG BALLS!


NO, BULLETS COULDN'T STOP ME, NOR COULD DETERMINED MEN, NOR IRON BARS! MY COLOSSAL FORM LUNGED AND SMASHED AND SHATTERED EVERYTHING IN ITS WAY!
NO--WHOEVER YOU ARE-- WHATEVER YOU ARE-- KEEP AWAY FROM ME!! PLEASE KEEP AWAY!!
DON'T YOU KNOW ME, SALLY! DON'T YOU KNOW WHO I AM??
HELP! SOMEBODY --HELP ME!!
NOBODY CAN KEEP YOU FROM ME!
BUT IN MY EXCITEMENT, I RAN INTO THE STREET WITHOUT LOOKING--WITHOUT SEEING THE TRUCK THAT WAS HEADING TOWARD ME...
BEEP BEEP BEEP
THE DRIVER JAMMED ON HIS BRAKES, BUT IT WAS TOO LATE--HE COULDN'T STOP IN TIME!!
ARGHHH!!! MY LEG!!
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IT WAS NOTHING SERIOUS, BUT THE PAIN STUNNED ME LONG ENOUGH FOR SALLY TO MAKE A BREAK FOR IT!
COME BACK! DO YOU HEAR ME--COME BACK!!

I COULDN'T REACH THE CAR IN TIME TO STOP IT--SO I DID THE NEXT BEST THING...
HE--HE'S CLIMBING UP THE ROLLER COASTER! HE'S COMING UP HERE AFTER ME!!

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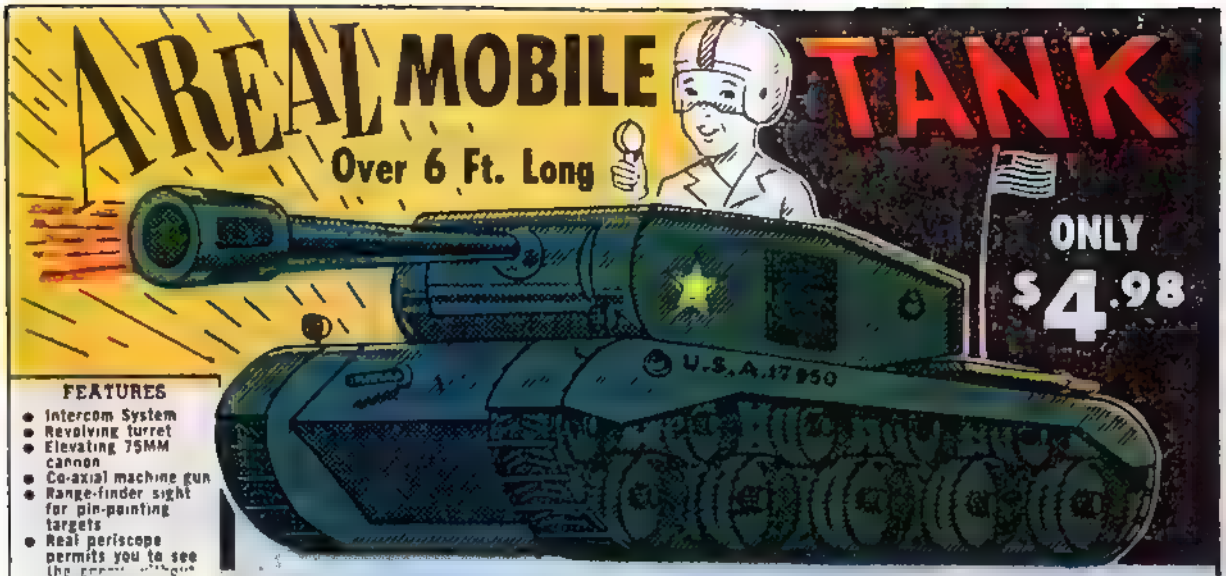

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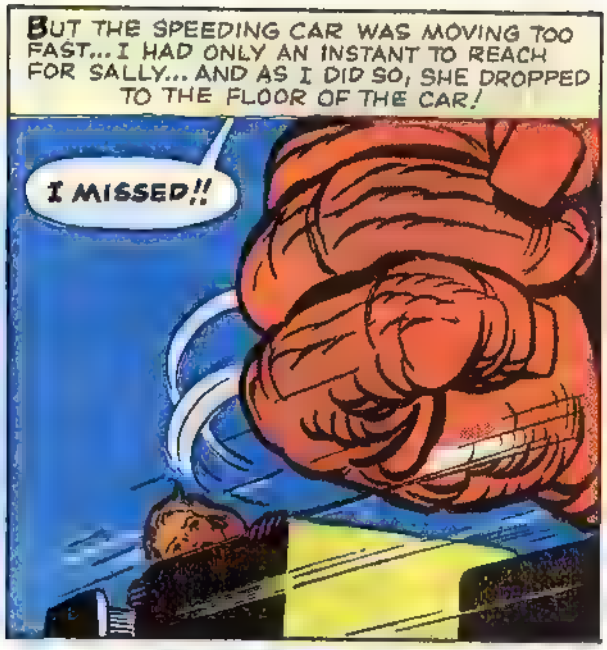
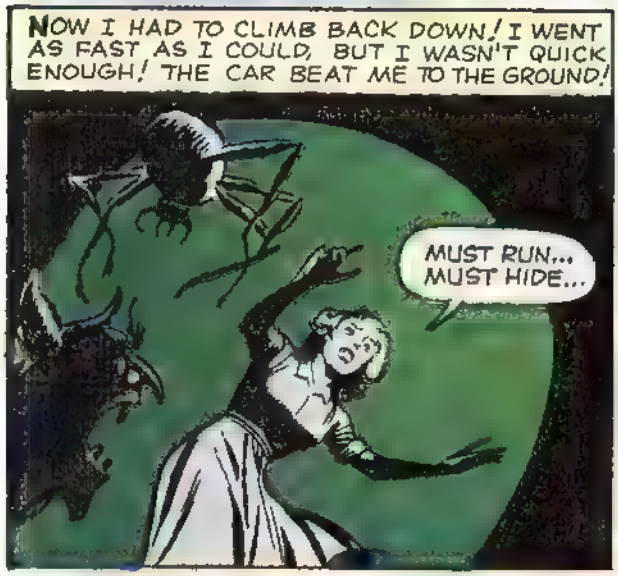
HIGHER AND HIGHER ABOVE THE AWE-STRICKEN CROWD I CLIMBED, UNTIL FINALLY I WAS ATOP THE ROLLER COASTER!
HE'S REACHING FOR ME! TRYING TO SEIZE ME!!


BUT THE SPEEDING CAR WAS MOVING TOO FAST... I HAD ONLY AN INSTANT TO REACH FOR SALLY... AND AS I DID SO, SHE DROPPED TO THE FLOOR OF THE CAR!
I MISSED!!


NOW I HAD TO CLIMB BACK DOWN! I WENT AS FAST AS I COULD, BUT I WASN'T QUICK ENOUGH! THE CAR BEAT ME TO THE GROUND!
MUST RUN... MUST HIDE...

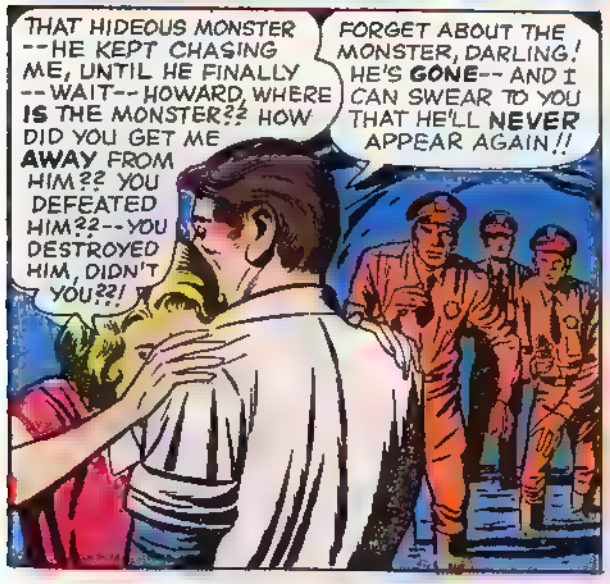
SHE'S RUNNING INTO THE TUNNEL OF HORRORS!

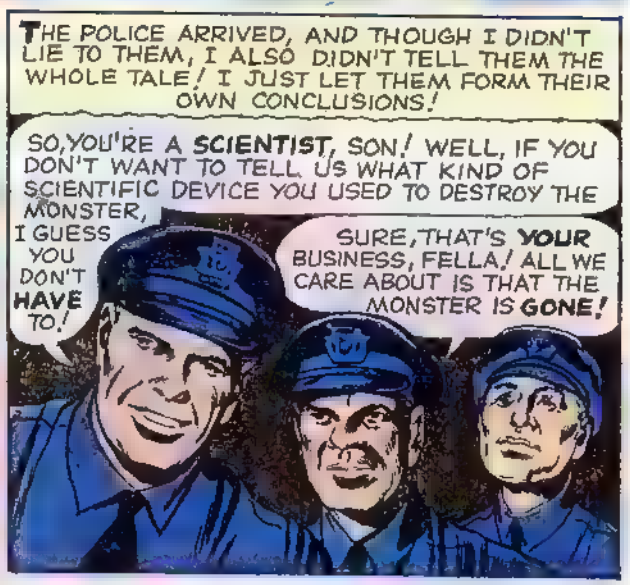
HE'S STILL COMING AFTER ME!

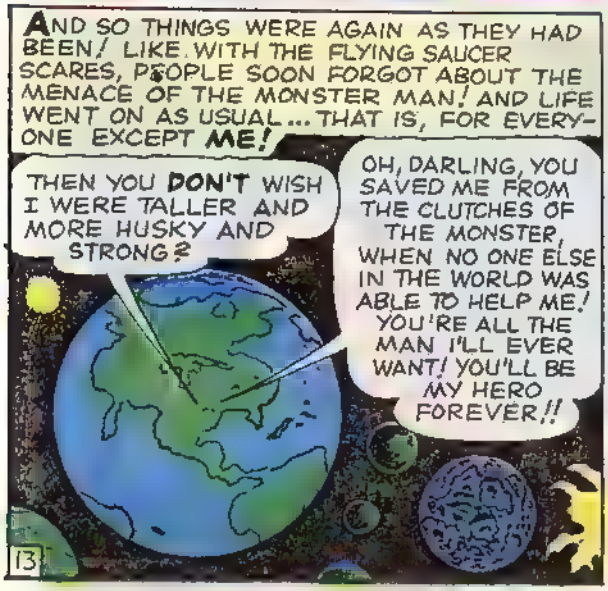
PLEASE! GO AWAY! STOP TORMENTING ME! I DON'T KNOW YOU! I'VE NEVER HARMED YOU!! LET ME ALONE!
COME BACK! COME BACK TO ME!
THEN FINALLY, EXHAUSTION OVERCAME SALLY... SHE COULD RUN NO MORE...
IT'S HOPELESS... I CAN'T GO ON... I JUST CAN'T...
I REACHED FOR HER AS SHE FAINTED!
NOW YOU WILL BE MINE... MINE FOREVER!
BUT SUDDENLY MY SENSES REELED! MY BREATHING GREW LABORED! I FELT AS THO' I WAS SHRINKING -- SHRINKING --
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME? MY STRENGTH! IT'S EBBING AWAY!
THE SERUM -- IT- IT WASN'T PERMANENT! I'M CHANGING BACK TO THE WAY I WAS BEFORE I DRANK THE GROWTH POTION!
I'M GROWING SMALLER! MY MUSCLES ARE GETTING WEAKER... MY SKIN IS BECOMING SOFTER...
I -- I'M BECOMING HUMAN AGAIN!

I'M MYSELF AGAIN! I'M BACK TO NORMAL!
.OHHH...WHA--- WHAT HAPPENED..?

SALLY--DARLING! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT???
HOWARD??! YES--YES, I'M ALRIGHT! OH, THANK HEAVENS YOU'RE HERE!! IT WAS SO AWFUL-- LIKE AN IMPOSSIBLE DREAM!!


THAT HIDEOUS MONSTER --HE KEPT CHASING ME, UNTIL HE FINALLY --WAIT--HOWARD, WHERE IS THE MONSTER?? HOW DID YOU GET ME AWAY FROM HIM?? YOU DEFEATED HIM?? --YOU DESTROYED HIM, DIDN'T YOU??!
FORGET ABOUT THE MONSTER, DARLING! HE'S GONE-- AND I CAN SWEAR TO YOU THAT HE'LL NEVER APPEAR AGAIN!!


THE POLICE ARRIVED, AND THOUGH I DIDN'T LIE TO THEM, I ALSO DIDN'T TELL THEM THE WHOLE TALE! I JUST LET THEM FORM THEIR OWN CONCLUSIONS!
SO, YOU'RE A SCIENTIST, SON! WELL, IF YOU DON'T WANT TO TELL US WHAT KIND OF SCIENTIFIC DEVICE YOU USED TO DESTROY THE MONSTER, I GUESS YOU DON'T HAVE TO!
SURE, THAT'S YOUR BUSINESS, FELLA! ALL WE CARE ABOUT IS THAT THE MONSTER IS GONE!


AND SO THINGS WERE AGAIN AS THEY HAD BEEN! LIKE WITH THE FLYING SAUCER SCARES, PEOPLE SOON FORGOT ABOUT THE MENACE OF THE MONSTER MAN! AND LIFE WENT ON AS USUAL... THAT IS, FOR EVERY-ONE EXCEPT ME!
THEN YOU DON'T WISH I WERE TALLER AND MORE HUSKY AND STRONG?
OH, DARLING, YOU SAVED ME FROM THE CLUTCHES OF THE MONSTER, WHEN NO ONE ELSE IN THE WORLD WAS ABLE TO HELP ME! YOU'RE ALL THE MAN I'LL EVER WANT! YOU'LL BE MY HERO FOREVER!!
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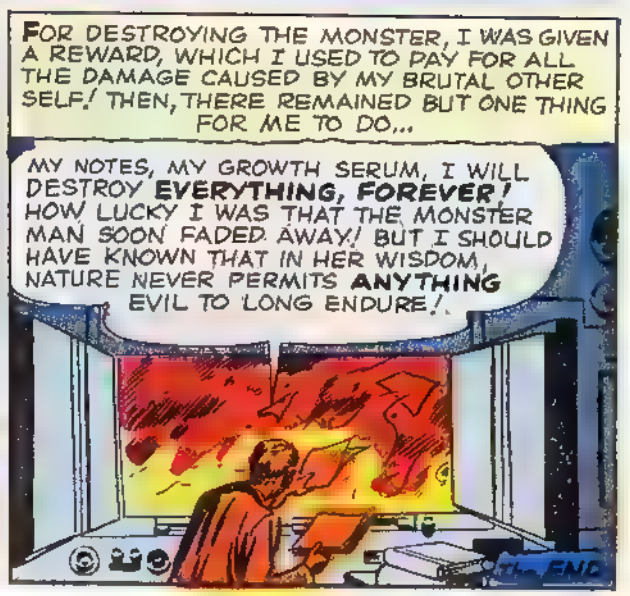
FOR DESTROYING THE MONSTER, I WAS GIVEN A REWARD, WHICH I USED TO PAY FOR ALL THE DAMAGE CAUSED BY MY BRUTAL OTHER SELF! THEN, THERE REMAINED BUT ONE THING FOR ME TO DO...
MY NOTES, MY GROWTH SERUM, I WILL DESTROY EVERYTHING, FOREVER! HOW LUCKY I WAS THAT THE MONSTER MAN SOON FADED AWAY! BUT I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT IN HER WISDOM, NATURE NEVER PERMITS ANYTHING EVIL TO LONG ENDURE!
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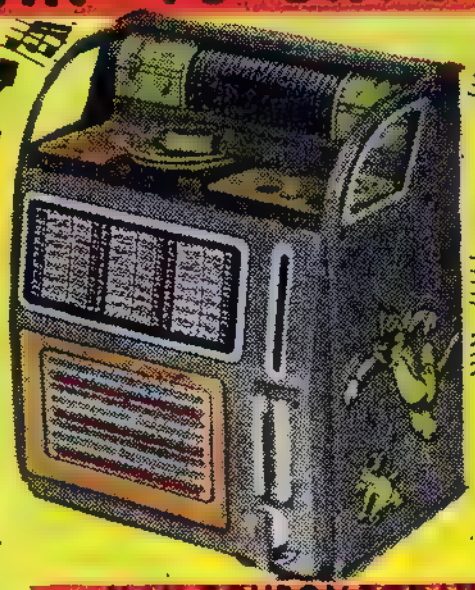

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HANG ON! HERE'S THE LANDING!
CRASH!
STUNNED BUT UNHURT, THE TEAM PREPARED TO WAIT FOR THEIR RESCUE!
HEADQUARTERS KNOWS WHERE WE ARE, AND WE SALVAGED MORE THAN ENOUGH PROVISIONS TO LAST THREE DAYS!
LOOK! THERE!
IT-IT'S MONSTROUS! WE CAN'T DEFEND OURSELVES FROM THAT--WE DON'T HAVE ANY WEAPONS!
IT'S GOING TO ATTACK US!
LUCKY IT'S SLOW MOVING! WE MAY HAVE A CHANCE TO ESCAPE IT!
LOOK! THE THING IS DESTROYING ALL OUR PROVISIONS! IF ONLY WE HAD A GUN!
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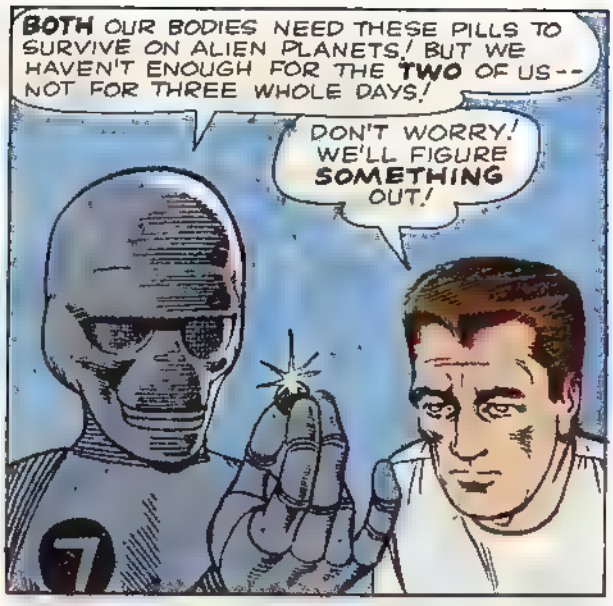
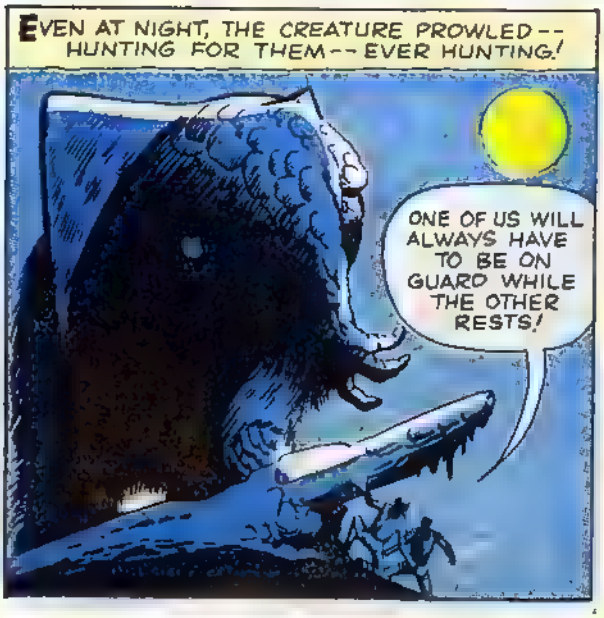
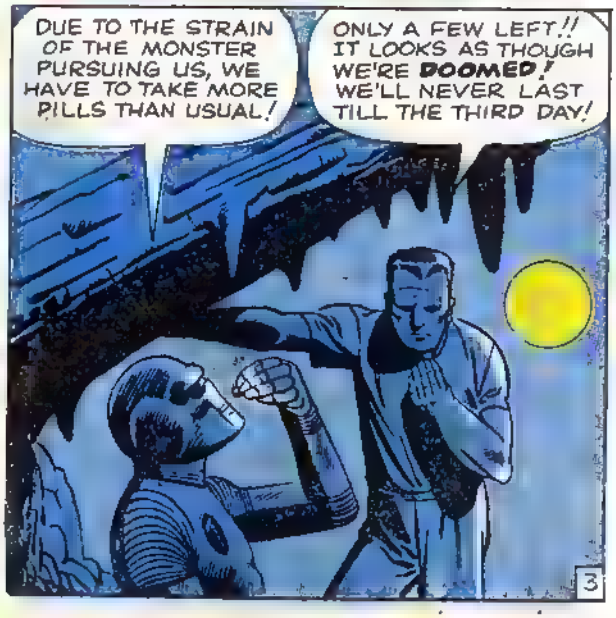
WE STILL HAVE THE SUPPLIES WE WERE CARRYING WHEN ATTACKED! WE'LL STRETCH THEM OUT TO LAST THE THREE DAYS TILL THE RESCUE SHIP COMES!
BUT WHAT ABOUT THE OXYGEN CONCENTRATES? THEY CANNOT BE STRETCHED AND WE WILL PERISH WITHOUT THEM!

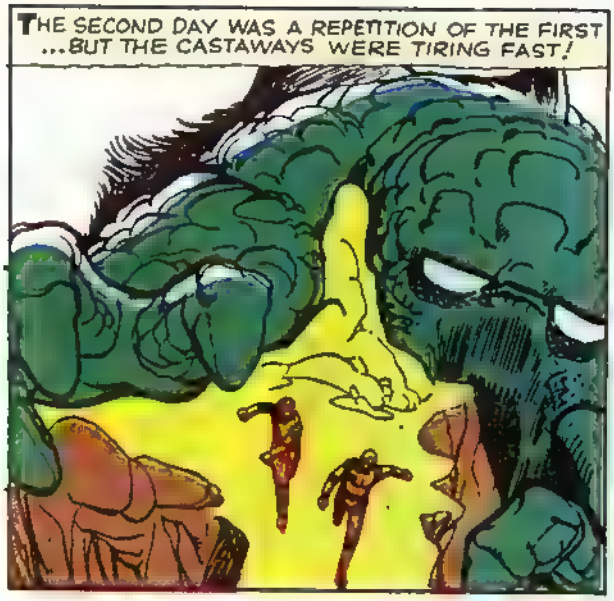

BOTH OUR BODIES NEED THESE PILLS TO SURVIVE ON ALIEN PLANETS! BUT WE HAVEN'T ENOUGH FOR THE TWO OF US -- NOT FOR THREE WHOLE DAYS!
DON'T WORRY! WE'LL FIGURE SOMETHING OUT!

BUT THERE WAS A MORE IMMEDIATE DANGER! THE MONSTER WOULDN'T GIVE UP ITS RELENTLESS ATTACK ON THE TWO CASTAWAYS!

WE'RE FASTER THAN HE IS, BUT IF HE EVER TRAPS US, WE'RE FINISHED!


EVEN AT NIGHT, THE CREATURE PROWLED -- HUNTING FOR THEM -- EVER HUNTING!
ONE OF US WILL ALWAYS HAVE TO BE ON GUARD WHILE THE OTHER RESTS!


DUE TO THE STRAIN OF THE MONSTER PURSUING US, WE HAVE TO TAKE MORE PILLS THAN USUAL!
ONLY A FEW LEFT!! IT LOOKS AS THOUGH WE'RE DOOMED! WE'LL NEVER LAST TILL THE THIRD DAY!


THE SECOND DAY WAS A REPETITION OF THE FIRST ...BUT THE CASTAWAYS WERE TIRING FAST!

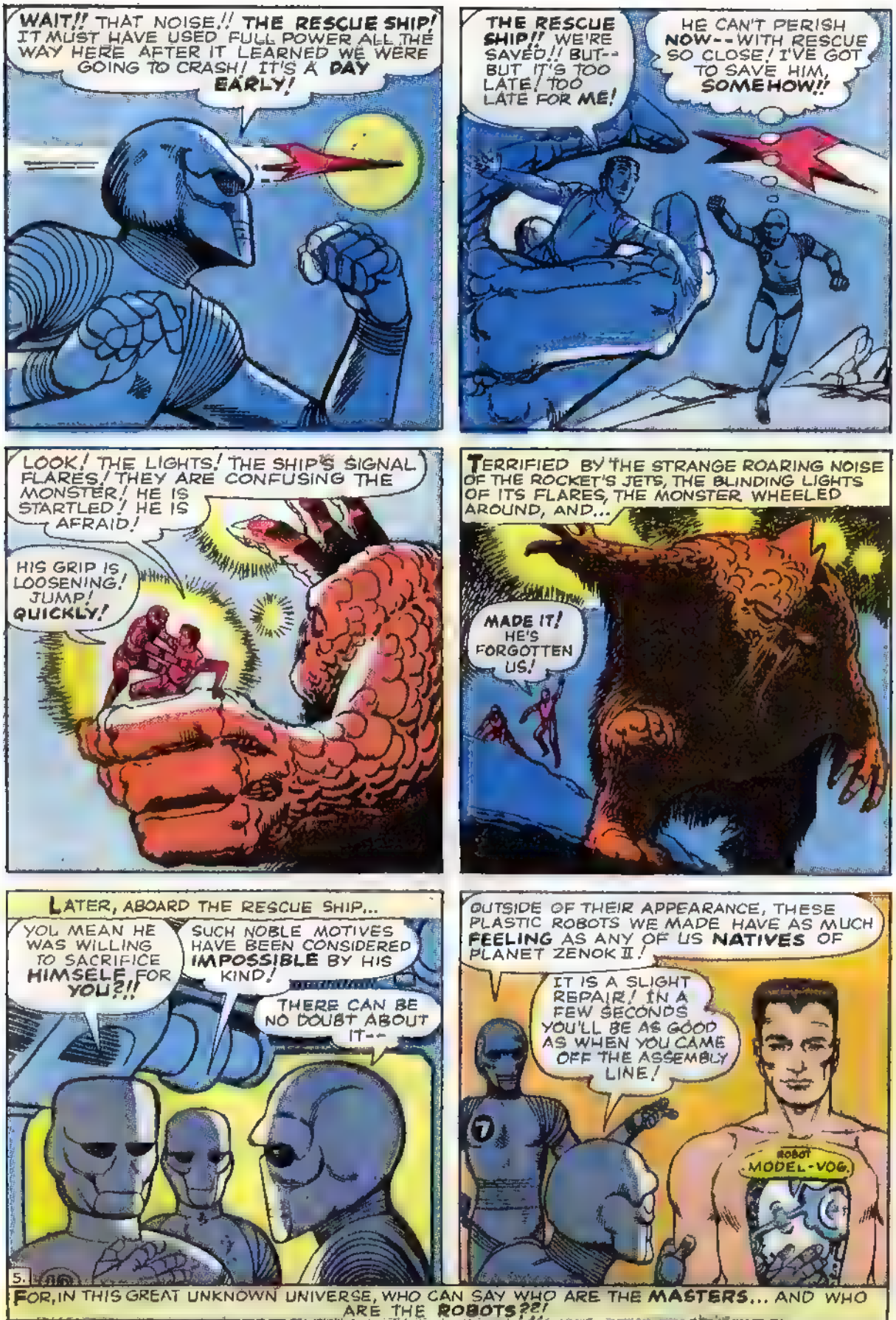
AND WHEN NIGHT AGAIN FELL...
THE PILLS! HOW MANY ARE LEFT?

LOOK! THERE ARE ONLY ENOUGH TO KEEP ONE OF US ALIVE TILL THE SHIP COMES TOMORROW!
THEN... ONE OF US MUST PERISH!

HERE! YOU TAKE THEM!
ME! YOU--YOU ARE WILLING TO SACRIFICE YOURSELF FOR ME! NO!! I CANNOT ALLOW YOU TO DO IT!

HERE IN SPACE WE ARE EQUALS! LET US DRAW LOTS FOR THEM!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING? WAIT! COME BACK!

HE'S DELIBERATELY SACRIFICING HIMSELF TO THE MONSTER, SO THAT I WILL SURVIVE! BUT HE MUSTN'T!! STOP! COME BACK!


WAIT!! THAT NOISE!! THE RESCUE SHIP! IT MUST HAVE USED FULL POWER ALL THE WAY HERE AFTER IT LEARNED WE WERE GOING TO CRASH! IT'S A DAY EARLY!
THE RESCUE SHIP!! WE'RE SAVED!! BUT-- BUT IT'S TOO LATE! TOO LATE FOR ME!
HE CAN'T PERISH NOW--WITH RESCUE SO CLOSE! I'VE GOT TO SAVE HIM, SOMEHOW!!
LOOK! THE LIGHTS! THE SHIP'S SIGNAL FLARES! THEY ARE CONFUSING THE MONSTER! HE IS STARTLED! HE IS AFRAID!
HIS GRIP IS LOOSENING! JUMP! QUICKLY!
TERRIFIED BY THE STRANGE ROARING NOISE OF THE ROCKET'S JETS, THE BLINDING LIGHTS OF ITS FLARES, THE MONSTER WHEELED AROUND, AND...
MADE IT! HE'S FORGOTTEN US!
LATER, ABOARD THE RESCUE SHIP...
YOU MEAN HE WAS WILLING TO SACRIFICE HIMSELF FOR YOU?!!
SUCH NOBLE MOTIVES HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED IMPOSSIBLE BY HIS KIND!
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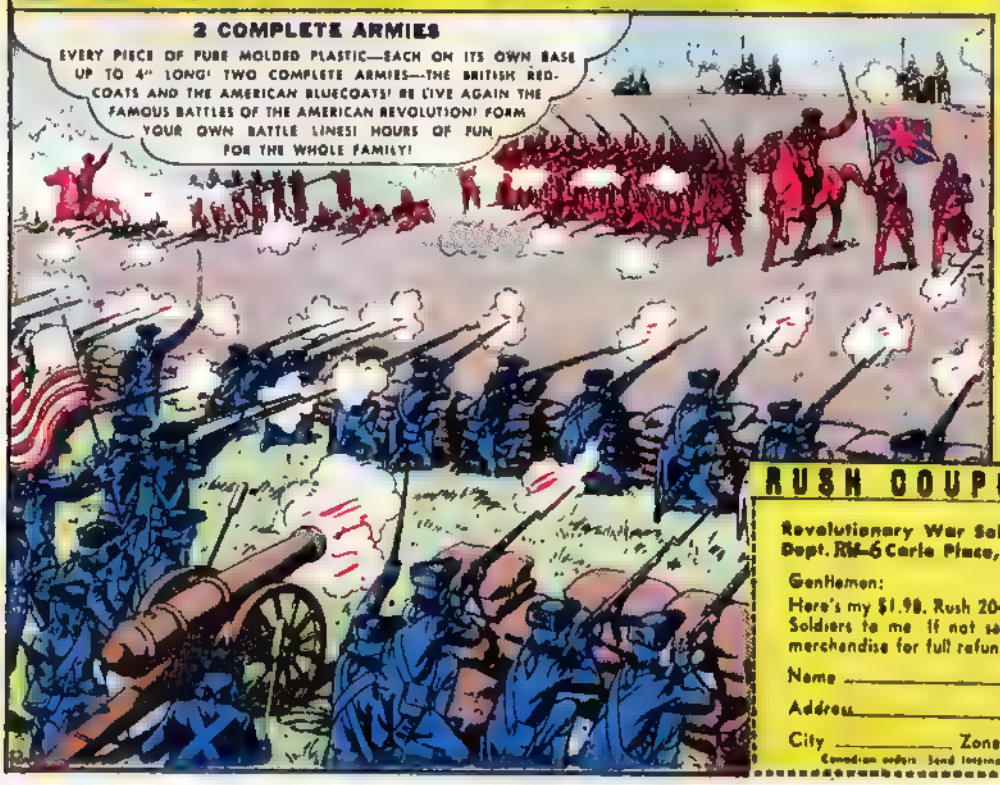
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Ned didn't even bother to report for work the next morning. When he finally did go back into Mr. Jonas's store, he was told, "We can't have men whom we can't rely on, Ned. As much as I hate to do it, I'm afraid we'll have to let you go. Uuless, of course," Mr. Jonas added, "you'll promise to give up these crazy inventions of yours."

"I'll never give up building my mechanical man," Ned vowed. "And when I finish and am successful, you'll all be sorry!"

But being fired didn't mean anything to Ned. He only thought, "Now I'll have all day to work on my mechanical man. And when I finally *do* complete him, I'll be able to send *him* out to work for me."

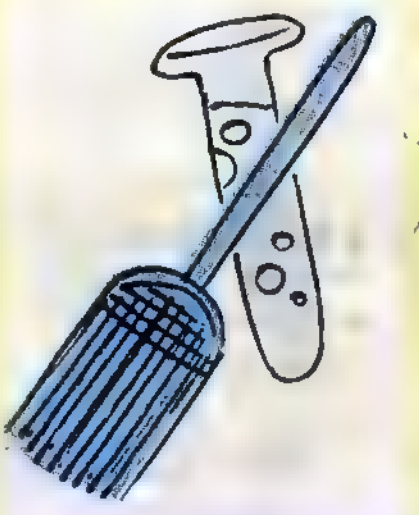
From that time on, Ned did nothing except stay down in his basement room and work on his invention. He tried every combination of construction he knew, but one after another of the mechanical men failed him. When and if they did move, they moved in the wrong direction, or they merely fell to the floor in a heap.

One day, when Ned was very discouraged with his efforts, Mr. Jonas came to call on him. "Please let me help you out, Ned," he asked. "You're really a good man when you don't have your mind on all your mechanical men."

But Mr. Jonas's remarks only made Ned more determined than ever to complete his plans. "Just wait until I finally *do* invent a robot," he advised Mr. Jonas. "Then you'll all wish you hadn't urged me to go back to being a janitor! Why," and his imagination soared, "maybe I'll even be able to have a whole *army* of robots working for me . . . and I won't ever have to go back to sweeping."

When Mr. Jonas left, Ned wasted no time going back to his labors, and this time he felt sure he'd be successful. "I have a feeling," he murmured, "that this Robot Number Sixteen will be the one."

Very late that night, Ned's latest mechanical man was ready for the test. Carefully, as he had done fifteen times before, Ned stood him up in the middle of the small room. Painstakingly, he adjusted all the levers and balance weights in the metal body. Lovingly, Ned brought the robot's arms to an outstretched position, placed a



broom within the plastic hands, and in a hushed voice ordered, "Sweep!"

When the robot didn't move, Ned reached over gingerly and prodded Robot Number Sixteen's arms a little to start them going. And then slowly, very slowly, the arms moved around and upward . . . then down and back, in a perfect sweeping arc.

"Ah, I think I've done it at last," Ned whispered to himself. "Now, just a little adjustment here on the broom . . ." and he pushed the broom down just a bit so the bottom reached to the floor. "There!" he thought, "That's IT!"

"One, two, up, down," Ned counted joyfully, while the broom kept dusting the floor backward and forward, until the area directly in front of the robot was clean and uncluttered.

"Fine, fine," continued Ned to himself. "Now move forward and sweep a nice path to the door. Just move forward a little." But the robot didn't move at all. All it did was continue sweeping, sweeping, directly before it in the same spot.

"Move, move," Ned commanded loudly. "What good is a robot that only stands in one place and sweeps?"

Desperately, Ned picked the robot up and moved it to another spot on the floor. He pushed it a little to try to make it walk. The robot still stood, immobilized, in one place . . . still sweeping.

"Up and down, backward and forward," Ned howled. "That's all you can do!" And then finally he admitted failure. "You're just like all the others . . . you're no good either." And he watched his robot Number Sixteen sweep. Backward and forward . . . up and down.

In desperation, Ned leaped to his mechanical man, flung the broom away from him, knocked his robot down and broke him into pieces.

"I'm a failure!" he thought. "This whole scheme was nothing but a dream from the beginning. I'll have to go to Mr. Jonas and get my old job back." And Ned slowly walked up the basement stairs, leaving the robot smashed and broken on the floor.

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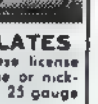

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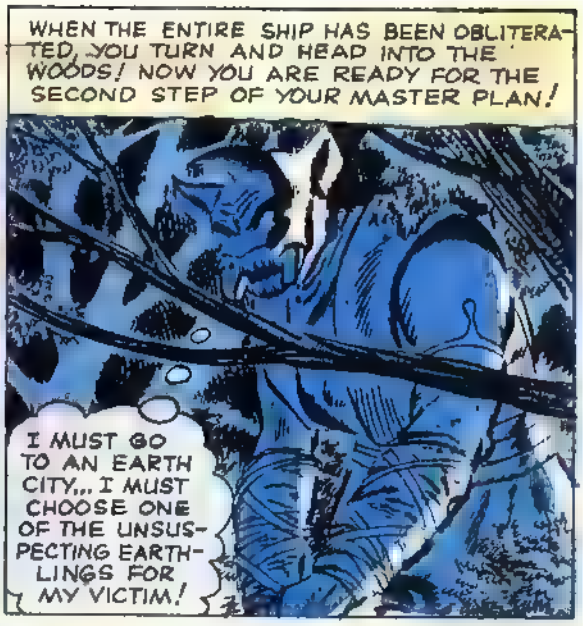
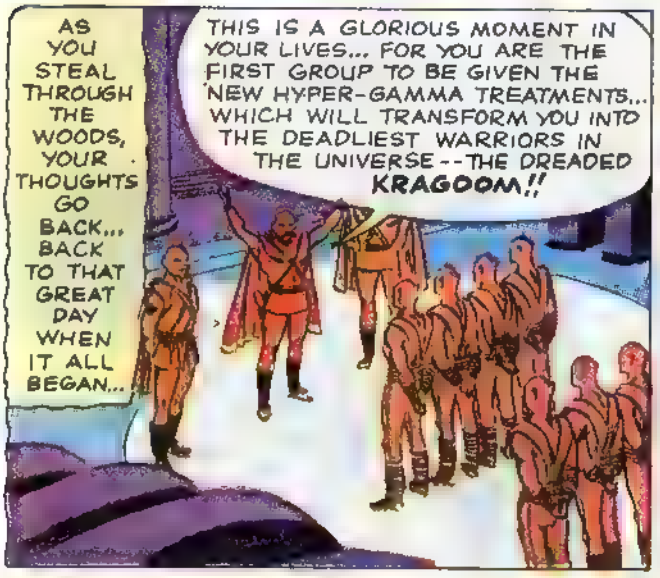

WHEN THE ENTIRE SHIP HAS BEEN OBLITERATED, YOU TURN AND HEAD INTO THE WOODS! NOW YOU ARE READY FOR THE SECOND STEP OF YOUR MASTER PLAN!
I MUST GO TO AN EARTH CITY... I MUST CHOOSE ONE OF THE UNSUSPECTING EARTHLINGS FOR MY VICTIM!


AS YOU STEAL THROUGH THE WOODS, YOUR THOUGHTS GO BACK... BACK TO THAT GREAT DAY WHEN IT ALL BEGAN...
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SOON I WILL BE A TRUE KRAGOO! AND WHEN WE KRAGOOM EXIST, LET THE UNIVERSE BEWARE!

FINALLY, AFTER LONG YEARS OF TREATMENTS, YOUR TRANSFORMATION WAS COMPLETED!
NOW YOU ARE ALL KRAGOOM... WHICH MEANS YOU HAVE A POWER NO OTHER CREATURE IN THE UNIVERSE POSSESSES!
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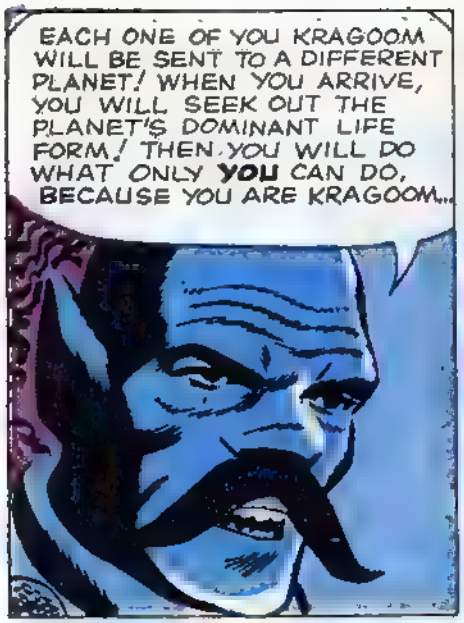
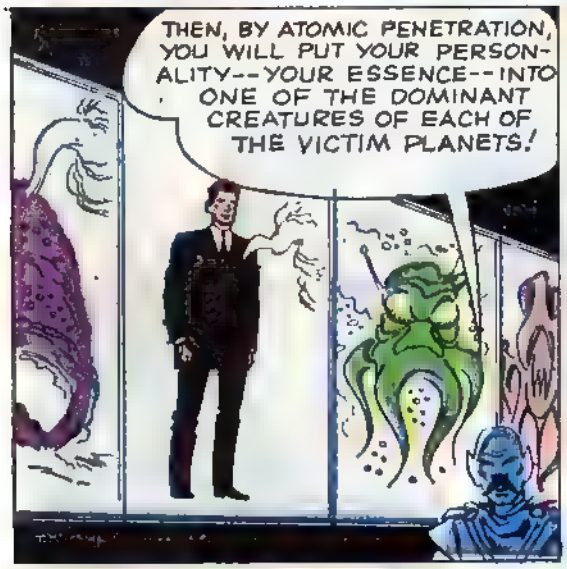
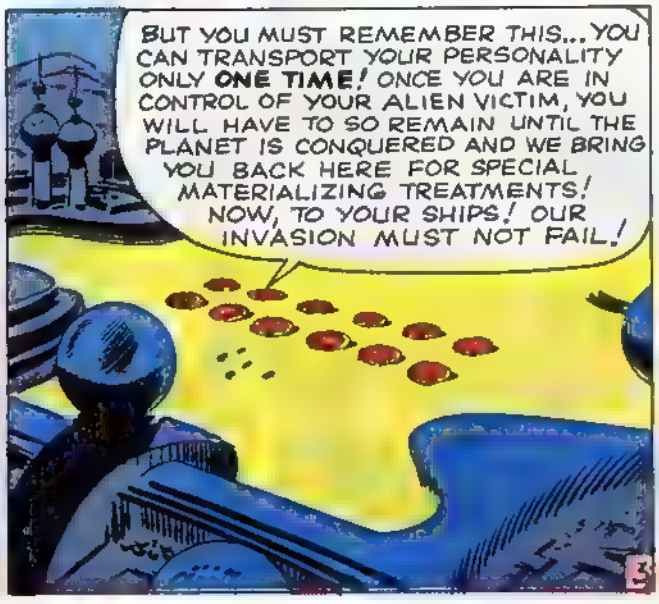

EACH ONE OF YOU KRAGOOM WILL BE SENT TO A DIFFERENT PLANET! WHEN YOU ARRIVE, YOU WILL SEEK OUT THE PLANET'S DOMINANT LIFE FORM! THEN YOU WILL DO WHAT ONLY **YOU** CAN DO, BECAUSE YOU ARE KRAGOOM...

YOU WILL **DEMATERIALIZE** YOURSELVES!


THEN, BY ATOMIC PENETRATION, YOU WILL PUT YOUR PERSONALITY--YOUR ESSENCE--INTO ONE OF THE DOMINANT CREATURES OF EACH OF THE VICTIM PLANETS!

"ONCE YOU HAVE TAKEN OVER AN ALIEN CREATURE, YOU WILL **CONTROL** HIM! YOU WILL FORCE HIM TO USE HIS EYES TO HYPNOTIZE OTHERS OF HIS KIND... AND THESE IN TURN WILL BE MADE TO HYPNOTIZE MORE, AND MORE, AND STILL MORE!"

"AND SO, THIS CHAIN-REACTION WILL INCREASE--UNTIL ALL THE MEMBERS OF ALL THE DOMINANT LIFE FORMS, HAVE BECOME OUR SLAVES... AND THEIR PLANETS, OUR CONQUESTS!"


BUT YOU MUST REMEMBER THIS... YOU CAN TRANSPORT YOUR PERSONALITY ONLY **ONE TIME!** ONCE YOU ARE IN CONTROL OF YOUR ALIEN VICTIM, YOU WILL HAVE TO SO REMAIN UNTIL THE PLANET IS CONQUERED AND WE BRING YOU BACK HERE FOR SPECIAL MATERIALIZING TREATMENTS! NOW, TO YOUR SHIPS! OUR INVASION MUST NOT FAIL!

SO HERE YOU ARE ON EARTH, THE PLANET CHOSEN FOR YOU TO CONQUER!
A CITY... NEARBY ...I SHALL GO THERE AND SELECT A HUMAN CREATURE TO DOMINATE... TO CONTROL!
THERE, IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT, YOU ENTER THE SLEEPING CITY... THE UNSUSPECTING CITY...
THERE ARE ONLY A FEW HUMANS ABOUT... NONE OF WHOM SEEM A WORTHY SPECIMEN...
THEN SUDDENLY, YOUR EYE CATCHES SIGHT OF AN IDEAL FIGURE!
THAT MALE HUMAN... HE IS YOUNG AND WELL BUILT... HE APPEARS HEALTHY! HE WOULD BE AN ADMIRABLE EARTHLING TO CONTROL!
YOUR CHOICE IS MADE! YOU MOVE STEALTHILY TO THE DOOR OF THE BUILDING... YOU TRY THE HANDLE... THE DOOR IS LOCKED!
NO EARTH DOOR... NO EARTH LOCK... CAN BAR THE WAY OF KRAGOO!! NOTHING CAN HALT ONE OF THE DREADED KRAGOOM!
YOU ENTER THE DARKENED HOUSE AND FEEL YOUR WAY ALONG THE CORRIDOR UNTIL YOU COME TO THE ROOM WHERE THE HUMAN IS...
THERE HE STANDS... PREOCCUPIED WITH HIS OWN THOUGHTS ... HE HAS NOT THE SLIGHTEST SUSPICION THAT WITHIN A FEW MOMENTS, HIS "WILL" SHALL BE DESTROYED FOREVER!
NOW YOU PERFORM THE INCREDIBLE FEAT WHICH YOU HAVE WAITED YEARS TO PERFORM! THE ONE FANTASTIC THING THAT CAN BE DONE ONLY BY--KRAGOO!
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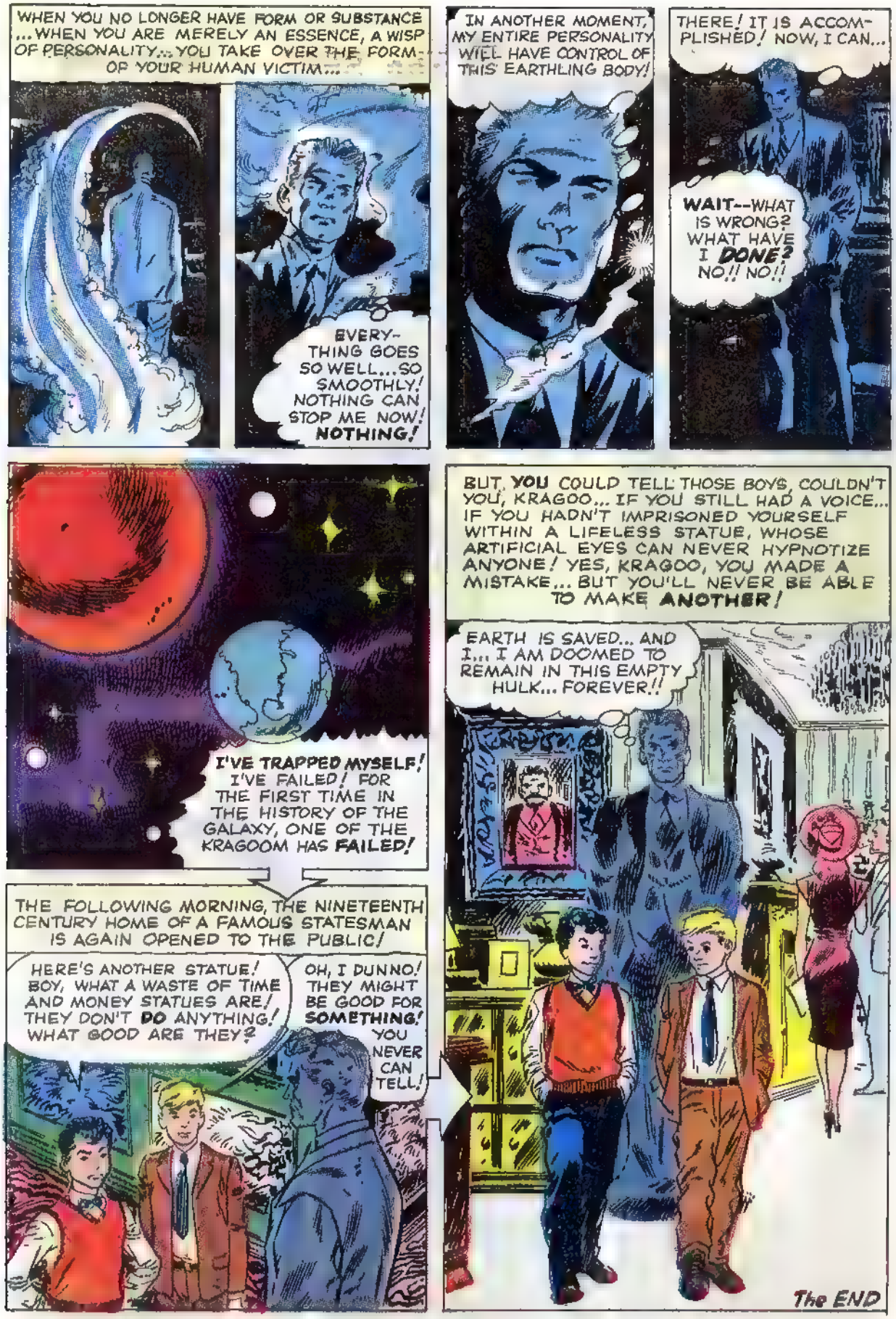
WHEN YOU NO LONGER HAVE FORM OR SUBSTANCE ...WHEN YOU ARE MERELY AN ESSENCE, A WISP OF PERSONALITY... YOU TAKE OVER THE FORM OF YOUR HUMAN VICTIM...
EVERY-THING GOES SO WELL...SO SMOOTHLY! NOTHING CAN STOP ME NOW! NOTHING!
IN ANOTHER MOMENT, MY ENTIRE PERSONALITY WILL HAVE CONTROL OF THIS EARTHLING BODY!
THERE! IT IS ACCOM-PLISHED! NOW, I CAN...
WAIT--WHAT IS WRONG? WHAT HAVE I DONE? NO!! NO!!
I'VE TRAPPED MYSELF! I'VE FAILED! FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF THE GALAXY, ONE OF THE KRAGOOM HAS FAILED!
BUT, YOU COULD TELL THOSE BOYS, COULDN'T YOU, KRAGOO... IF YOU STILL HAD A VOICE... IF YOU HADN'T IMPRISONED YOURSELF WITHIN A LIFELESS STATUE, WHOSE ARTIFICIAL EYES CAN NEVER HYPNOTIZE ANYONE! YES, KRAGOO, YOU MADE A MISTAKE... BUT YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO MAKE ANOTHER!
EARTH IS SAVED... AND I... I AM DOOMED TO REMAIN IN THIS EMPTY HULK... FOREVER!!
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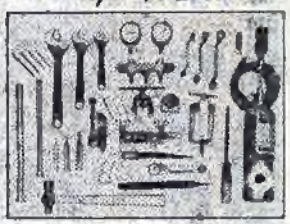

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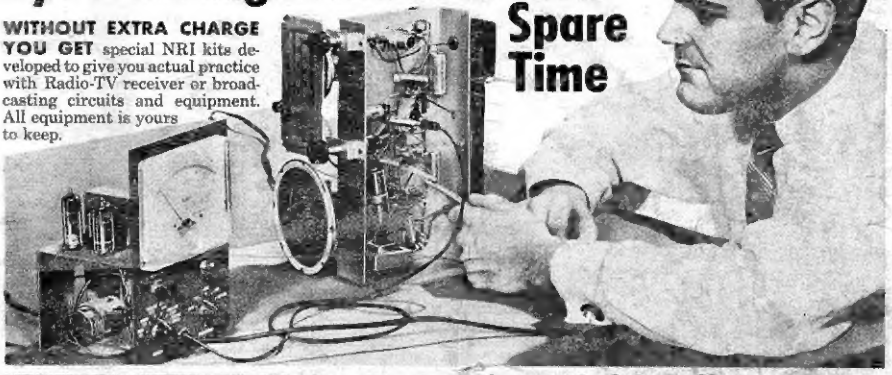

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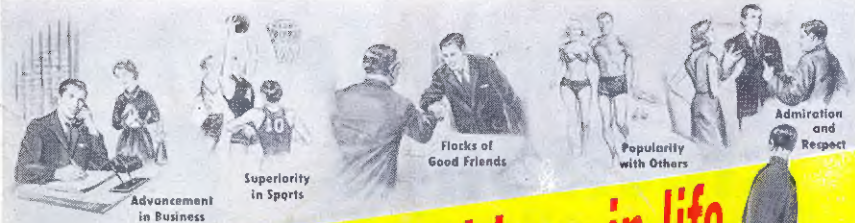

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